Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member when the report is expected ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Very soon, I hope, Sir."

*Irrigation of lands under the Palla authukalvai of Kanganellore village.*

*1690 Q.—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the two channels Mettu authukalvai and Palla authukalvai of Kanganellore village, Gudiyattam taluk, are classed as separate irrigation sources in the resettlement accounts ; if so, what is the extent of irrigation under each channel ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Palla authukalvai has been totally neglected without being repaired either by Government or by enforcing kudimaramat labour ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the whole extent of the Mettu authukalvai and Palla authukalvai lands are now irrigated by only the Mettu authukalvai water ;

(*d*) why the Government have allowed such a step being adopted when there are land-marks of a separate neglected channel ;

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the head sluice built at the head of Palla authukalvai involving an outlay of Rs. 2,500 is left unused ;

(*f*) whether the Tahsildar of Gudiyattam inspected the structure and the channel running in the rear of it and why no steps were taken to restore the channel though frequently requested by ryots ;

(*g*) whether the Government are aware that the real cause of vast shavi in years of ordinary rainfall is due to insufficient flow in the channel and the illegal taking away of Mettu authukalvai water to Palla authukalvai lands ;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that the ryots petitioned to the Collector of North Arcot on 28th April 1926 to restore the channel, and whether the Tahsildar of Gudiyattam to whom it was forwarded has given an endorsement to say " மாமூல்படி நடந்துக்கொள்ளவும் " ;

(*i*) whether the Government are aware that the Su -Collector, Vellore, old North Arcot district, in his order dated 5th November 1883, ordered the Tahsildar to restore the Palla authukalvai and not to give permission to take Mettu authukalvai water for Palla authukalvai lands and that it was confirmed by the Collector of North Arcot in his Supplemental Appeal Case No. 180 of 1883 ; and

(*j*) whether the Government will ask the Collector of North Arcot to allot the necessary funds for restoring the Palla authukalvai and thus open Palla authukalvai for Palla authukalvai lands and totally separate the irrigation by the respective channels ?

*A.*—(*a*) The two channels have been classified as separate irrigation sources and their registered wet ayacuts are 290·78 acres and 499·93 acres respectively.

(*b*) *to* (*j*) The Government have not the information and have called for a report.